

## What's the ruling on wiping the face with the hands after du'ā?

Shaykh Sulaymān al-'Alwān (حفظه الله) said: There's not a single authentic hadīth from the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), and it's not proven from the Sahābah (رضي الله عنهم), neither in Qunūt or other than it, neither in Salāh nor outside of it. And some of the laymen have been accustomed to this act, and this is wrong. And others are accustomed to raising the hands after the optional Salāh and wiping the face without du'ā, and this is worse than the first[case], and the Sunnāh is to leave off the wiping completely during Salāh and other than it.

Imām Abū Dāwūd (رحمه الله) mentioned in his Masā'il [1]: I heard Ahmad (رحمه الله) get asked about a man who wipes his face with his hands if he finishes [Salāh], he (رحمه الله) said: "I've never heard of it". And he said once: "I've never heard of this at all". He [Imām Abū Dāwūd] said: "And I've never seen Ahmad do this" and Imām Mālik (رحمه الله) was asked about a man who wipes his face with his hands during du'ā? So he rejected that and said: "I don't know of it" [2]

Al-Hāfīdh al-Bayhaqī (رحمه الله) said: "I haven't memorised it from any of the Salaf during du'ā al-Qunūt, even though it might be narrated from some of them during du'ā outside the Salāh, it has been narrated from the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) a weak hadīth and it's used from some of them [3], outside of Salāh, but as for during the Salāh, then it's an action which isn't proven by any authentic report upon what the Salaf did, may Allāh (جل وعلا) be pleased with them, of raising the hands without wiping them with the face in Salāh [4] وبالله التوفيق

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[1] Masā'il Abū Dāwūd page 71

[2] Mukhtasar Qiyām al-Layl page 327

[3] This report cannot be used as evidence, so the Haqq is to leave this action.

[4] Sunan al-Kubrāh (2/212)